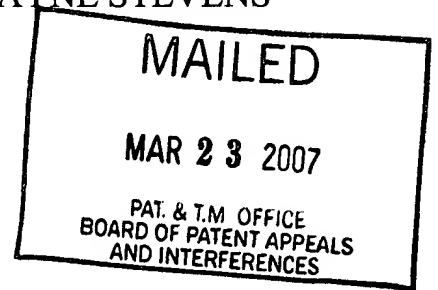


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCE

Ex parte JEFFREY DOUGLAS HAGGAR and JERRY WAYNE STEVENS

Application 09/841,136



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on October 21, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

Upon review of the Examiner's Answer mailed March 9, 2006, the answer is non-compliant with the New Rules set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37 effective September 13, 2004. The application reveals that the following sections are missing from the Examiner's Answer in the order and with the context stated in the Rules:

- 1) Summary of the claimed subject matter;
- 2) Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal;
- 3) Claims Appendix;
- 4) Evidence Relied Upon;
- 5) Grounds of Rejection;
- 6) Response to Argument;
- 7) Related Proceedings Appendix.

The Examiner's Answer filed on March 9, 2006, does not comply with the new rules under 37 CFR § 41.37. It is required that a new Examiner's Answer be provided in compliance with the new rules.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed March 9, 2006, and submit a revised Examiner's Answer in accordance with the new rules effective September 13, 2004; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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